

SB 184 and HB 5262

My name is Robert Ham, and I am a registered voter in Cheshire, CT 06410.

I am opposed to SB 184 and HB 5262.

Connecticut, the Constitution State, already has in place an excellent voting process that minimizes concerns for lack of access as well as for any additional concerns for vote integrity.

The Secretary of State in the election of 2020 mailed out unsolicited absentee ballot applications to over 2MM names on the voter rolls. Nearly 200,000 of those applications were not deliverable. An unknown number of other applications were delivered – likely in many cases to persons not on the envelope.

Connecticut's voter rolls are not regularly updated, creating expensive administrative issues, and the possibility for fraud. There is no "chain of custody" for these unsolicited ballot applications – which presents significant problems for the vote by casting a pall of uncertainty. Our 169 towns are staffed by volunteers or clerks with insufficient time or training to properly manage changes without a top to bottom change in procedures.

Respectfully,

Robert Ham